

HOUSE No. 4000

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to farmers markets.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| Paul McMurtry | 11th Norfolk |
| George N. Peterson, Jr. | 9th Worcester |
| Stephen Kulik | 1st Franklin |
| Daniel E. Bosley | 1st Berkshire |
| William Smitty Pignatelli | 4th Berkshire |
| Rosemary Sandlin | 3rd Hampden |
| Demetrius J. Atsalis | Second Barnstable |
| Donald F. Humason, Jr. | 4th Hampden |
| Martin J. Walsh | 13th Suffolk |
| Kevin Aguiar | 7th Bristol |
| Kay Khan | 11th Middlesex |
| Richard J. Ross | 9th Norfolk |
| Lida E. Harkins | 13th Norfolk |
| Benjamin Swan | 11th Hampden |
| Michael F. Rush | 10th Suffolk |
| Bruce E. Tarr | First Essex and Middlesex |

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO FARMERS MARKETS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 10 of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

Any person who displays, exhibits or sells their homemade or home grown products or produce within the commonwealth at public farmers' markets and farm stands shall be allowed to provide customers with taste samples of their products without incurring any liability. Conformity to sanitary health codes and requirements such as sinks and heating apparatus shall not be applicable under this paragraph.